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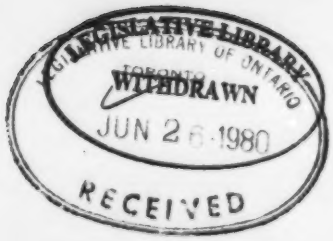
ANNUAL REPORT

ALBERTA HISTORICAL RESOURCES FOUNDATION

YEAR ENDING

DECEMBER 31, 1977



The Alberta Historical Resources Foundation is the only crown agency of its kind in Canada providing an opportunity for government and private individuals to work together in heritage preservation. The Foundation challenges every citizen to "Be a partner in preserving Alberta's heritage. Be proud of your province".

Working with three salaried staff, six unpaid board members, and two offices in Calgary and Edmonton, supplied at public expense, the Foundation has completed its first calendar year with modest success.

At the close of the year 1977, private membership totalled 887 with receipts from this source providing $ 8,218.00 . Apart from an annual grant of $75,000 from the Department of Culture, the bulk of operating funds has been derived from lotteries.

Advances approved by the board amount to $140,231.00 in grants and $4,000.00 in loans, all of which are detailed in an appendix to this report.

Towards the year end, the foundation issued its first membership newsletter - "News and Views". Both the Glenbow Institute and the Historical Society of Alberta have graciously offered to assist us by distributing 5,500 copies of our paper to their members. Such generous assistance is typical of the willing help we are receiving from many quarters.

Through "News and Views", the first issue of which accompanies this report, we hope to arouse a greater public concern and support for the preservation of our historical resources, many of which are non renewable and are often endangered by the impact of progress, or by indifference, ignorance, neglect, depreciation and vandalism. Against these formidable odds we need the unremitting vigilance and support of both the citizens of this province and their legislature.

The board forsees the need for a revolving fund to provide for the purchase and resale of historic properties. The effective operation of such a facility is dependent upon two factors; the implementation of appropriate covenant legislation and a source of funds. I trust that these considerations will engage the early attention of the legislature.

Members of the board are Dr. J. W. Grant MacEwan, Chairman; Messrs. C. O. Nickle and W. B. MacInnes, Calgary; W. Brian Edwards, Edmonton and Morris W. Flewwelling, Red Deer. The board records, with thanks and appreciation, the valuable services of Mr. S. A. Milner who recently resigned as a director because of pressure of other voluntary public engagements.

There is evidence of a growing widely based public interest in the preservation of our historical resources, an interest which hopefully this foundation can foster and strengthen. On behalf of both the board and the staff, over which I am happy to preside, may I express to the Minister of Culture and his staff, our thanks for their support throughout the year. I trust that in some measure we have been reciprocal and that we can expand our areas of cooperation in the years ahead.

Dr. J. W. Grant MacEwan,
Chairman

1977 CLASSIFICATION OF GRANTS AND LOANS

PRESERVATION AND RESTORATION		$86,809	(6)
Memorial Park Library, Calgary	$15,000		
Cochrane Ranch	6,289		
Victoria Settlement	4,520		
Lacombe Centre, Midnapore	50,000		
High Level Museum	10,000		
St. Margaret's Church, Cypress Hills	1,000 (loan)		
RESEARCH & SURVEYS		$37,190	(4)
Trail North Foundation	20,150		
Jewish Agriculture Settlement in Alberta (Dolgoy).	4,040		
University of Alberta - Medalta Potteries Survey	10,000		
Historical Society of Alberta - Visual History Display for Schools	3,000		
PUBLISHING		$17,732	(3)
Historical Society of Alberta - Revolving Fund	10,000		
University of Alberta - Catalogue of Artifacts and Objet d'art	6,000 ($3,000 loan)		
Historical Society of Alberta - Quarterly Magazine	1,732		
OPERATING GRANTS		$2,500	(4)
Treaty #7 Commemoration	1,000		
Alberta Museums Association Seminar	500		
Log Conference - Banff	500		
Canadian Interpreters Association - Annual Meeting	500		
		$144,231	(17)

THE ALBERTA HISTORICAL RESOURCES FOUNDATION

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

DECEMBER 31, 1977

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OFFICE OF THE PROVINCIAL AUDITOR

AUDITOR'S REPORT

To the Directors of The Alberta
Historical Resources Foundation

I have examined the balance sheet of The Alberta Historical Resources Foundation as at December 31, 1977 and the statements of revenue, expenditure and surplus and changes in financial position for the year then ended. My examination was made in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards, and accordingly included such tests and other procedures as I considered necessary in the circumstances.

In my opinion, these financial statements present fairly the financial position of the Foundation as at December 31, 1977 and the results of its operations and the changes in its financial position for the year then ended in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles applied on a basis consistent with that of the preceding year.

C.A.
Provincial Auditor

Edmonton, Alberta
February 13, 1978

Statement A

THE ALBERTA HISTORICAL RESOURCES FOUNDATION

BALANCE SHEET

AS AT DECEMBER 31, 1977

	1977	1976
ASSETS		
GENERAL FUNDS		
Current:		
Cash	$ 9,875	$ 2,728
Short term deposits	375,000	155,000
Accounts receivable	3,428	240
Loans receivable	4,000	-
Prepaid expenses	559	263
	392,862	158,231
Deposits	510	510
Fixed:		
Furniture and equipment, at cost	6,106	3,959
Less: Accumulated depreciation (Note 2)	1,510	594
	4,596	3,365
Art work, at cost	1,500	-
	6,096	3,365
Total general funds	399,468	162,106
RESTRICTED FUNDS (Note 2)		
Cash	900	-
	$400,368	$162,106
LIABILITIES		
GENERAL FUNDS		
Current:		
Accounts payable	$ 405	$ 10,887
Surplus, Statement B	399,063	151,219
Total general funds	399,468	162,106
RESTRICTED FUNDS (Note 2)		
Expendable funds	900	-
	$400,368	$162,106

The accompanying notes are part of these financial statements.

OFFICE OF THE PROVINCIAL AUDITOR

THE ALBERTA HISTORICAL RESOURCES FOUNDATION

STATEMENT OF REVENUE, EXPENDITURE AND SURPLUS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 1977

	1977	1976
REVENUE		
Lottery license fee (Note 3)	$317,778	$ 14,723
Grant from the Province of Alberta	75,000	75,000
Interest earnings	17,629	6,594
Membership donations	7,331	-
Membership fees	887	-
	418,625	96,317
EXPENDITURE		
Grants	43,650	-
Projects	40,496	5,410
	84,146	5,410
Administration:		
Salaries and employee benefits	50,428	17,264
Office supplies	10,956	1,484
Travelling	9,802	8,417
Advertising	4,581	4,218
Automobile lease rental	3,507	272
Consultant fees	1,700	-
Books	1,249	694
Depreciation on furniture and equipment	916	594
Entertainment	848	570
Club fees and subscriptions	695	518
Director expenses	448	388
Telephone	337	65
Interest expense	36	-
Miscellaneous	1,132	510
	86,635	34,994
	170,781	40,404
Surplus for the year	247,844	55,913
Add: Surplus at beginning of year	151,219	95,306
Surplus at end of year	$399,063	$151,219

THE ALBERTA HISTORICAL RESOURCES FOUNDATION

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN FINANCIAL POSITION

FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 1977

	1977	1976
Funds were provided from:		
Surplus for the year	$247,844	$ 55,913
Depreciation	916	594
Funds from operations	248,760	56,507
Funds were applied to:		
Purchase of fixed assets	3,647	3,959
Deposits	-	510
	3,647	4,469
Increase in working capital	245,113	52,038
Working capital at beginning of year	147,344	95,306
Working capital at end of year	$392,457	$147,344
Working capital is represented by:		
Current assets, Statement A	$392,862	$158,231
Less: Current liabilities, Statement A	405	10,887
	$392,457	$147,344

THE ALBERTA HISTORICAL RESOURCES FOUNDATION

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

DECEMBER 31, 1977

Note 1 Authority

The Alberta Historical Resources Foundation operates under the authority of The Alberta Historical Resources Act, Chapter 5, Statutes of Alberta 1973.

Note 2 Significant Accounting Policies

Depreciation:

Furniture and equipment is depreciated at the rate of 15% per annum on the diminishing balance.

Restricted Funds:

The Foundation receives certain funds which are designated by the donor for specific purposes. As these funds are expended for the purposes intended, they are shown as operating income if the expenditure is of an operating nature and as a capital contribution, if the expenditure is of a capital nature.

Note 3 Lottery License Fee

This represents revenue received from the Western Canada Lottery (Alberta Division).

Note 4 Comparative Figures

The 1976 comparative figures have been restated where necessary to conform to the 1977 presentation.

Alberta Historical Resources Foundation

News & Views

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The Alberta Historical Resources Foundation's purpose in producing this occasional newsletter News and Views is to establish communication with you, its supporting members. Through News and Views, we hope to keep you informed of the Foundation's objectives and give you a forum in which to express your own views on preservation matters. You will learn about the projects which the Foundation is funding through your interest and membership; what is happening throughout Alberta relating to the preservation of historic buildings and other heritage objects, and how the Foundation can help in preserving historical resources that are important to you and your community. Through News and Views you will receive up to date information about the Foundation's growing reference library pertaining to historical and preservation matters and what is being said and published about Alberta's history.

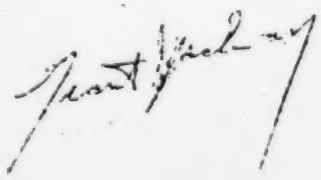
In turn, the Foundation invites your views on the whole question of preservation of historic sites and other historical material in your area and in the province as a whole. In order for the Foundation to function in preserving what is Alberta's history, it needs your help and encouragement, for only by working together can we contribute effectively to the preservation of our heritage.

"Be a partner in Preserving Alberta's Heritage.
Be proud of your province".

A MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIRMAN

The Alberta Historical Resources Foundation makes it possible for everybody to have at least a small part in proclaiming, capturing or restoring the heritage of our past. Individuals in official position have no hope of doing it all themselves. They invite and urge all Albertans to recognize the charm in the things of yesterday and bring their enthusiasm to the work of cementing the ties.

Too many of those bridges with our past have been lost. Not all of the treasures can be saved but selective ones should and must be preserved, not only for members of the present generation but for generations to come. The work needs friends and enthusiasm as well as dollars and all interested citizens can help.



ORIGIN AND FUNCTIONS OF THE FOUNDATION

The Alberta Historical Resources Foundation (originally called Alberta Heritage Foundation) was established by the Provincial Legislature in 1973 to provide means whereby the heritage of Alberta can be preserved for the use, enjoyment and benefit of the people of Alberta and to provide an opportunity for individuals and communities to participate both financially and functionally in this important work.

The Alberta Heritage Act, since renamed the Alberta Historical Resources Act, was implemented at this time. It provides for an overall co-ordination of orderly development through preservation, study and interpretation, thus promoting a greater appreciation and awareness of Alberta's heritage resources.

In carrying out these objectives, the Act provided for the establishment of five integrated units - the Provincial Museum, the Provincial Archives, the Heritage Sites Service, the Archaeological Survey and the Alberta Historical Resources Foundation. The first four named were to be part of a Heritage Resources Development Division of the Department of Culture. The entire five units were conceived as a group of co-operating agencies, each providing a complementary role, without any overlap of function.

The Alberta Historical Resources Foundation thus works in close co-operation with the other departments in the Department of Culture but has a more flexible role in that it can involve the people of Alberta directly in preserving Alberta's heritage.

The extend of Alberta's historical resources is immense, yet each year much of our heritage succumbs to pipelines, roads, housing development and other industrial activities. Time is running out in many instances. Direct government programmes can achieve only so much. The Foundation's primary functions, therefore are:

1. Stimulating public awareness of the value of Alberta's history.
2. Alerting the public to the fast disappearance of Alberta's historical buildings and objects.
3. Promoting public participation in historical preservation.
4. Providing opportunities through membership and projects so that industry, private individuals and organizations can participate financially and functionally in the preservation and use of historic sites and structures.
5. Assisting communities and individuals throughout Alberta in the preservation of historic buildings, sites and objects.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS AND STAFF

The Foundation is fortunate to have the Hon. Dr. J.W. Grant MacEwan, noted historian and former Lieutenant-Governor of Alberta, as Chairman of its Board of Directors. Few have played a more active role than he has in dramatising Alberta's history, whether as politician, lecturer, writer, farmer or conservationist.

Serving on the Board of Directors are the following well known Albertans:

Mr. Carl O. Nickle - Oilman and President of Conventures Limited, Calgary.
Mr. Wallace B. MacInnes - Lawyer, Calgary.
Mr. Morris Flewwelling - Educator, Red Deer.
Mr. Stanley Milner - Oilman, President of Chieftain Development Co. Ltd., Edmonton.
Mr. Brian Edwards - Architect, Edmonton.

Active operation of the Foundation began in August, 1976, with the appointment of the Executive Director, Mr. A.E. Gregg, former banker and investment dealer. Mr. Gregg rations his time between two offices - the Provincial Office, 121 - 8th Avenue S.W., Calgary and the area office at 12th Floor, CN Tower, 10004 - 104th Avenue, Edmonton - as well as visiting communities throughout the province as occasion frequently requires.

The Provincial Office opened in Calgary in September, 1976, with Mrs. Betty Dahlie handling reference, research and office duties. Mrs. Faye Broeksma attends to the bookkeeping and membership records in the area office in Edmonton which also opened in September, 1976.

The staff invites you as members to visit or phone the office nearest you, should you have any enquiries regarding the Foundation and its work.

THE FOUNDATION'S LOGO

The Foundation's impressive logo depicting the peace pipe and the plough, was designed by Anne Pope, an Edmonton artist - the peace pipe revered by the Indians, is an ancient expression of friendship and good faith; the plough was the chief instrument which transformed the culture of the Plains.

MEMBERSHIP

Membership in the Foundation is open to individuals, organizations and business firms interested in historic preservation. All monies received by way of membership go directly into a project fund to be used solely for projects relating to historic preservation. Since the Foundation is an agent of the Crown in right of Alberta, gifts such as private contributions, bequests and endowments are fully deductible from the donor's taxable income.

Membership at the time of compiling this issue of News and Views is 704 totalling contributions of $7,313.86. Membership has grown slowly but steadily during the Foundation's first year of operation. In order to attract as broad a following as possible, the membership fee has been set at $1.00. Many of course, have given more and we are delighted with the response. While a large number of individual membership forms were mailed out, the greatest response has come from an advertisement in Heritage, published by the Department of Culture.

News and Views thanks those who took time to enclose a letter with their membership. These letters of encouragement with offers of help and delightful stories of early days in Alberta encourage us to greater effort. Here are some of your messages:

... I am very interested in your organization and would like to volunteer my free time if needed. (Edmonton)

... I would certainly be interested in working or in any way helping with this Foundation. Am really impressed by what I have just finished reading in the Heritage. (Hanna)

... I arrived in Alberta with my family on October 10th, 1910 to Edgerton, Alberta, on the Grand Trunk Railway. Am now enjoying retirement on the shores of Bazan Bay, Sidney, B.C. I shall be glad to assist in any way.

... I am still very much interested in Alberta and always call it home. My father-in-law homesteaded at Leo, southeast of Stettler in 1908. Our children often go back, but I'm 80 years old and too crippled to travel. (Duncan)

... I'm not sure $1.00 actually entitles me to anything. It does seem rather cheap. Mind you, I am a struggling student. However, I would like to contribute in some way. I do have certain kinds of experience that could be useful. (Calgary)

... Having been privileged to work in Alberta during the past six years, I feel strongly about your noble aims and wish to contribute modestly to your cause. (Montreal)

... I feel anything we can do to preserve our wonderful heritage and publicize it, it should be done...We are constantly derided because "Canada has no history" or "Canada has no heroes". Thousands of pioneers lived lives of daily heroism...Recently some friends and I drove past a Calgary school named for Sam Steele and one of them said, "Who was Sam Steele?" I'll bet she could have told who Davy Crockett or Johnny Appleseed was. (Calgary)

SOME PROJECTS FUNDED TO DATE

Alberta Records Publication Board - The Foundation is assisting the Historical Society of Alberta in publishing important manuscripts and documents relating to the development of Alberta. The documents, once published, will be available in book form to schools, libraries and the general public.

The first such volume to be published is the Robert T. Rundle Journals, 1840-48 which contain the journals and letters of the first resident Protestant missionary in the territory which is now Alberta. Mt. Rundle was named in honour of this brave pioneer. The book is now available at a special introductory offer of $10.00, from the Historical Society of Alberta, Box 4035, Station C, Calgary, Alberta, T2T 5M9. Regular price will be $12.50.

Memorial Park Library - The Foundation has donated $15,000 towards restoration of this fine example of Calgary's Sandstone Era. Memorial Park Library is the first and only existing Carnegie Library building in the West and it is the only one still in use. In recent years it has been used to house the Glenbow Archives. After restoration, it will once again serve as a Public Library and Art Centre.

Oral History Project - In co-operation with the Provincial Archives, the Foundation allocated $10,000 towards the Archive's Oral History Program. This has been a neglected area for the past few years because of lack of funding.

St. Margaret's Church, Eagle Butte, Cypress Hills - The Foundation has provided an interest free loan of $1,000 over a two year period to up-grade the church and graveyard for non-denominational use. The church was built in 1912 to serve farmers and ranchers in the area.

A University Collects III - (University of Alberta). The Foundation has provided a grant of $3,000 and an interest free loan of an additional $3,000 to the University to publish a catalogue listing University objects d'art and artifacts. The booklet will be available for sale through the University Bookstore.

Jewish Rural Settlement of Alberta - The Foundation is funding half the cost of a research paper on Jewish Rural Settlement in Alberta with Sibbald and Rumsey areas as focal points. Mr. Reevan Dolgoy is the researcher Alan Ridge, Provincial Archivist, says the area of ethnic history has been badly neglected in the past.

Trail North Project - The Foundation has donated $20,000 towards redevelopment of the historic trail from Edmonton to Athabasca. This route, which followed the height of land over the shortest distance between the great waterways of North Saskatchewan and Athabasca Rivers, was an Indian trail when the first white men came west. Eighty miles in length, it was the key route for the fur trade and was probably one of the busiest early thoroughfares in Canada during the 1890's with traffic in mail coaches, freight wagons and Klondike seekers. When revitalized, it will provide recreational facilities for Albertans, employment for residents of small rural communities along the route, as well as stimulating interest in Alberta's early history.

Lacombe Centre, Midnapore - The Foundation is providing up to $50,000 towards stabilization of the Lacombe Centre - weatherproofing the roof, sealing the windows and reactivating the heating system.

Of the three buildings on the 43 acre site, the 1910 orphanage was built at the urging of the late Father Lacombe, the pre-eminent Roman Catholic pioneer Missionary of Alberta. This building fulfilled a life-long dream of the missionary to provide a home for homeless orphans for whom there was little other provision in those days. The building has not been in occupancy for some years and has suffered extensive vandalism.

The Roman Catholic Church has invited other denominations to share with it in restoring this major parcel of land and buildings for the benefit of disadvantaged people. An interdenominational pilot committee is actively pursuing the range of uses to which the property can be devoted. Members' suggestions are invited.

Cochrane Ranch, Fort Victoria and Plavin Homestead - The Foundation has co-operated jointly with Historic Sites Branch and the Corrections Branch in stabilizing these three historic sites. The Corrections Branch is supplying the labour and the Alberta Historical Resources Foundation is supplying funding for tools and materials.

All the buildings dating since the founding era have been removed from the Cochrane Ranch Site. Archaeological work has been carried out and sites of buildings pertaining to the founding era marked. An interpretive centre will be erected on the property along with well marked trails and picnic areas. The Ranch, which was the first major spread leased in what later became Alberta, is situated just west of the town of Cochrane.

Victoria Settlement - Work is well ahead on cleaning up the site and carrying out archaeological work. The Victoria site at Pakan covers a large area and it will be some time before all archaeological investigation is completed on this important site, originally established in the 1860's by Rev. George McDougall and his son John.

Plavin Homestead - (Peace River) - Work was carried out in repairing the buildings on the old homestead during 1976.

Slide Tape Display Kits For Senior High Schools - The Foundation and the Chinook Country Chapter of the Historical Society of Alberta are co-funding slide-tape display units on Alberta history which will initially travel on exhibit to various schools within the Calgary school district. If well received in the Calgary area, the kits will travel to other locations throughout the province. Mrs. Lorraine Fraser has been hired to do the research.

REFERENCE LIBRARY

The Foundation is gradually and carefully collecting a reference library relating to Alberta's history and preservation matters. If you are writing a local history in your area, please let us know at the Provincial Office so that we may purchase a copy for the library. The Foundation would be very much interested in securing books of early Alberta that may not be wanted by families, schools or museums. Although books from the reference library cannot be loaned out, the Foundation welcomes its members and others interested in Alberta's history to make use of the library.

It is hoped that the library will have a sizeable collection of books, pamphlets and other materials on preserving historic buildings, furniture, etc. There are many problems in restoring antique objects and the Foundation plans to establish some service in this regard.

Lists of the books now in the library are available on request. The library is in the Provincial Office, 121 - 8th Avenue S.W., Calgary.

Copies of the Alberta Historical Resources Act are obtainable from the Provincial Office.

When courage is replaced by caution and energy by inertia, then life is lessened and generations to come are defrauded.

- Kenneth Bagnall

A penny or more, for your thoughts?
If your community or group had a windfall $10,000, to what heritage project would you apply it? Tell us and sell us. Who knows we might just be able to find a backer.

STOP PRESS

Former Lieutenant-governor Dr. J.W. Grant MacEwan was one of three Albertans selected Saturday to receive Alberta's first three premier's awards for singular accomplishment.

In the premier's award for excellence, Dr. MacEwan was singled out for "countless outstanding contributions" at the local, provincial and national level.

- The Albertan, Monday, October 31, 1977

NOTE

Mr. Jack Forbes, Head, Ceramic Dept., Visual Arts Division, University of Alberta, Edmonton, is compiling an inventory of Canadian brick architecture and decoration. He requests help in locating information on the following:

1. Fine or unusual examples of brick houses, walls, bridges and other brick structures.
2. Feature work in brick such as in fireplaces, window surrounds, sidewalks, stairs etc.
3. Derelict brickyards.
4. Old equipment used in the manufacture of brick.
5. Historical photographs of, or relating to, fine brick architecture, brickyards or brick making.

A MESSAGE FROM ARTHUR E. GREGG,

Executive Director

As Canadians, our heritage story, is so little known by so many. Given your support, we hope in time to establish a youth membership to be designated the Youth Partnership Program. The object is to involve our youth in a concern for historical preservation and to make them proudly knowledgeable of Alberta's and Canada's heritage. The program will be dependent largely on the goodwill and support of our existing youth groups, such as Scouts, Guides and Four H Clubs.

The Foundation, with the assistance of qualified people, will provide the program content. The young people will earn a series of heritage badges - Junior Partner, Associate Partner and Senior Partner. Qualification for these will involve a wide range of mental and physical participation including research reading, writing reports, hiking, sketching, photography, model making, collecting, mapping and conservation practices.

We firmly believe that these areas of interest will challenge many of our youth to be a partner in preserving Alberta's heritage, and to be proud of their province.

What do you think? Tell us.

Editor: Betty Dahlie

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